

24. Device according to [any one of claims 13 to 23] claim 13, characterized in that the protective envelope (3) comprises a lower "U"-shaped part (3<sub>1</sub>) in which are disposed said pipes (1) and an upper opening closed by a layer (31) of supple material cast after installation of all the internal components.

25. Device according to [any one of claims 13 to 24] claim 13, characterized in that the envelope (3) comprises shims (27) supporting the insulating coating (2), the space included between the envelope (3) and said coating (2) being filled with a virtually incompressible fluid (4).

#### REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is presented merely to eliminate multiple dependency from the present claims. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

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